



Folkvangr Forest Cats

Bringing Home Baby

In order for life with your new kitten to run smoothly, make preparations before bringing your baby home. The first thing you should do is kitten-proof your home by viewing each room from kitten level. Close or block off windows, vents, and any nooks and crannies she might be tempted to explore. Move electronics and power cords, window blind cords, and any other strings out of reach. Completely remove objects that might pose a choking hazard.

It's also a good idea to set aside a quiet area as "base camp" for your kitty to get used to their new surroundings. This space should be off-limits to other pets, and young children should only be admitted with adult supervision. Furnish the space with a litter box, food and water dishes, comfortable bedding, and a toy. It is usually a good idea to keep the food and water away from the litter box, as cats don't generally like to eat near where they do their business — but then again, who does!

Sleep

Kittens sleep a lot at a young age — like between 16–20 hours a day a lot. For this reason, it is important that she has a comfortable place to take a nap and sleep at night. You might be tempted to want to keep her in your bedroom, but unless that's where you want to keep her litter box, it is best to section off somewhere in the house that is just for her. This will allow her to get comfortable in her own space without disturbing your own. It's not uncommon for kittens to wake up in the middle of the night and meow loudly, hoping to get your attention, but unlike babies that cry at night, you should do your best to ignore them. Slowly, they will learn that nighttime is for sleeping, and you're not going to come to her every cry. It also avoids setting a bad precedent where you have to get up every night.

Grooming

We regularly brush and our kittens get at least one bath before going home. They also get regular nail trims to get them used to it. It is a good practice to handle your kitten in a way a vet will (check teeth, ears, nose, eyes etc) to get them accustomed to a check-up. It reduces stress for both cats and vets if they are trained to not resist a once over!

NFC's are a large breed cat and will not be considered fully grown until they are 5 years old.

We also try to make sure that your kitten is used to many sights and sounds so that very little is "new or scary."

Most importantly enjoy your new baby and welcome again to our Skogkatt Family!

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Feeding your kitten

We free feed with dry kibble in multiple places around our home. We also use a variety of Purina brand kitten kibble (Purina Pro Kitten, Purina One Kitten, Purina Naturals Kitten) so your kitten will be used to a brand and type that should be easily accessible to you. You will not need to offer this wide variety. You can pick one that works for you. We also give wet food 2x per day. The kittens have also been introduced to raw food (wet and freeze dried) from an early age. Talk with your veterinarian about what works best for you.



Supplements

I always use Enisyl-F, which is a lysine supplement, for all my cats especially if they are exposed to a stressful event (i.e. new home, vet visit, car ride etc.). Lysine helps build kittens immune system and to fight viruses or illness. We also use FortiFlora or other high quality pro-biotics to support good gut health which improves overall health.



Litter

Norwegians are a large cat and will grow significantly their first year. They will continue growing until they are 5 years old. We use large litter boxes (open and closed) throughout our home. The kittens are currently using Fresh Step and The Worlds Best Litter.

